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1. PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL WE ARE NOW WORKING UP
FIRST DRAFT OF REPORTS ON CONSULTATIONS HELD TO DATE.
WE WONDER, HOWEVER, IF PROCEDURES PROPOSED IN PARA. 4
FOR COUNTRIES THAT HAVE NOTIFIED AGAINST THE U.S. ARE
BEST COURSE OF ACTION. WE ARE CONCERNED IN PARTICULAR
WITH THE NUMEROUS NOTIFICATIONS BY LDC'S (SUPPLIED BY
UNCTAD AND GATT) ON U.S. QR'S THAT DO NOT EXIST. IF
WE QUERY THESE COUNTRIES ON THEIR INTENTIONS FOR RE-
PORTING CONSULTATIONS IT MAY ACT AS INDIRECT ENCOURAGE-
MENT FOR THEM TO SUBMIT REPORTS. HOWEVER, WITHOUT SUCH
DIRECT QUESTIONING WE MAY DISCOVER TOO LATE THAT THESE
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COUNTRIES CHOOSE TO AGAIN REPORT OUTDATED OR INCORRECT
INFORMATION ON U.S. QR'S TO GATT. IF THERE ARE NO REPORTS,

MISUNDERSTANDINGS WOULD PERSIST. SINCE WE HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE IN THIS AREA, IT MAY BE MORE USEFUL TO CLEAR UP THESE MISAPPREHENSIONS FOR THE RECORD THROUGH NOTIFICATION TO THE GATT SECRETARIAT AT LEAST OF THOSE NOTIFIED QR'S WHICH THE U.S. HAS REDUCED OR ELIMINATED.

2. IN REGARD TO STATUS OF CONSULTATIONS, THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES THE CURRENT SITUATION: TO DATE, WE HAVE HELD A TOTAL OF 12 CONSULTATIONS: ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, COLOMBIA, INDIA, NEW ZEALAND, ROMANIA, SOUTH AFRICA, THAILAND, TURKEY, NEW ZEALAND, ROMANIA, SOUTH AFRICA, TURKEY, POLAND, CANADA AND KOREA. WITH REGARD TO OUTSTANDING CONSULTATIONS, ALGERIA, BOLIVIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, GUATEMALA, JAMAICA, KENYA, MALAYSIA, NIGERIA, PANAMA, SWITZERLAND, AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ARE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITAL BEFORE RESPONDING. UNTIL RECENTLY, CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPAN, NORDICS, EC, SPAIN, AUSTRIA AND PORTUGAL WERE NOT SOUGHT DUE TO AGRICULTURAL ISSUE. WE HAVE FORMALLY CONTACTED THE JAPANESE AND INFORMALLY CONTACTED THE NORDICS IN REGARD TO INITIATING CONSULTATIONS AND ARE AWAITING THEIR RESPONSES. ONCE WE HEAR FROM THEM, WE WILL CONTACT THE REMAINING EUROPEANS. WE THINK WE HAVE WORKED OUT OUR DIFFICULTIES WITH SPAIN AND EXPECT THEM TO AGREE TO CONSULT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IRAN, BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA HAVE REFUSED TO CONSULT FOR OPEC AND/OR FOR SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT TO BE AGREED PRIOR TO CONSULTATIONS. MEXICO AND PHILIPPINES HAVE POSTPONED CONSULTATIONS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DUE TO LACK OF PERSONNEL. WE EXPECT CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD WITH YUGOSLAVIA SHORTLY AND PAKISTAN'S NOTIFICATION ONLY RECENTLY RECEIVED.

3. WE WILL SEND DRAFTS OF REPORTS AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE. WALKER

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